GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Exorbitant Fee by Play Schools
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of exorbitant fee being charged by play schools, creches and day-care centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of complaints reported in this regard during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up regulatory framework to rein in play schools creches and day-care centres charging exorbitant fee without providing standardized curriculum and learning aids to the children;

(d) if so, the details and salient features thereof along with the time by which such regulations are likely to be framed; and

(e) the other corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) No such complaint was received.

(c) to (e) National Creche Scheme is being implemented across the country presently through the Central Social Welfare Board (an autonomous body under the Ministry) and Indian Council for Child Welfare (a NGO) to provide crÃ¨che facility to the children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years of working mothers who are employed for a minimum period of 15 days in a month of 6 months in a year. The revised guideline of the Scheme (w.e.f. 01.01.2016) envisages a nominal user charge to be collected as under:

i. BPL families - Rs.20/- per child per month
ii. Families with income (Both Parents) of upto Rs.12,000/- per month - Rs.100/- per child per month
iii. Families with income (Both Parents) of above Rs.12,000/- per month- Rs.200/- per child per month

This collection of user charges ensures better participation of the community.
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